SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourteenth Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Fourteenth Worcester Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 5.2% (6,047) of the admissions reside in the Fourteenth Worcester Representative District. 2.5% (152) of admissions from the Fourteenth Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and can represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services. In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the

In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from Fourteenth Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 76% were male and 24% were female.
- 63% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 53% were white non-Latino, 11% were black non-Latino, 32% were Latino, 5% were other racial categories.
- 66% were never married, 12% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 38% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 17% had more than high school education.
- 16% were employed.
- 26% were homeless.
- 21% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourteenth Worcester Representative District.

Table 1 Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003									
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack				
District	29%	57%	7%	3%	3%				
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%				

Substances Used in Past Year

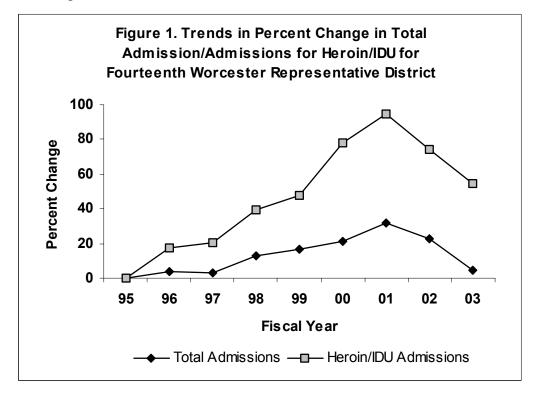
Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, including the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003											
Fourteenth Worcester Representative District											
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU				
FY '95	5,765	4,139	1,566	2,467	1,689	2,700	1,424				
FY '96	5,990	4,164	1,687	2,182	1,828	2,918	1,940				
FY '97	5,935	4,095	1,693	2,057	1,631	2,877	2,094				
FY '98	6,509	4,549	2,174	2,229	1,813	3,315	2,441				
FY '99	6,732	4,594	2,066	2,218	1,702	3,452	2,638				
FY '00	6,984	4,672	2,156	2,378	1,712	4,091	3,244				
FY '01	7,586	4,464	1,970	2,066	1,414	4,492	3,546				
FY '02	7,097	4,167	1,855	1,955	1,365	4,097	3,090				
FY '03	6,047	3,193	1,519	1,677	1,128	3,619	2,749				

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Fourteenth Worcester Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.



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